Reply to Office Action of January 2, 2004

**REMARKS** 

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the

following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5 are pending in the present application. Claims 6-17 have been canceled

by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, the application was indicated as being allowable

except for formal matters. More particularly, cancellation of non-elected Claims 6-17 was

required before this case could issue.

In view of the present response it is believed that each of the outstanding formal

matters has been addressed. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the present

application is now in condition for allowance, and it is hereby respectfully requested that this

case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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